(*b*) the number of such applications granted till now

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) 20.

(*b*) 16. These marriages were exempted, mainly on the ground that all arrangements had been made for their celebration prior to the passing of the Act.

Child Marriage Restraint Act.

382. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of families or individuals exempted from the whole or part of the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act of Travancore up to date?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No families or individuals have been exempted and there is no provision in the Act for such exemption. Certain marriages were exempted, mainly on the ground that all arrangements had been made for their celebration prior to the passing of the Act. They are 16 in number.

Condition of fish industry and fisher folk.

383. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to state whether since the inception of the Department of Fisheries they ever conducted any enquiry into the causes of the deterioration of fish industry and the economic condition of the fisher folk?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Yes.

Satroms at Munnar and Pallivasal.

384. *MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether difficulties are being experienced by visitors from other parts of the country on account of the absence of satroms at Munnar and Pallivasal; and

(*b*) if so, whether they have issued orders for the construction of a satrom at each of those places?

MR. J. W. CHACKO :

(*a*) The necessity for a satrom at Munnar alone has been brought to the notice of Government.

(*b*) No.

Fishing in inland waters.

385. *MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMANKUNJU : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a section-war statement showing the number of licences granted and the amount of fees collected by the lessees of inland waters annually from the year 1110 with reference to each kind of fishing implement?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL : The information asked for is not available.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : May I know, Sir, whether there is a rule that when the leases are granted the lessee should impose on the licensees only up to one and a half times the prescribed fees?

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DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: That is correct, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know how it can be ascertained whether the lessees levy only the prescribed fees on any kind of material?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, there is a provision that not more than one and a half times the prescribed fees should be levied. They may levy less; but if they levy more, there will be complaints and they will be looked into.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: That is not my point, Sir. The answer given is that the information asked for is not available. There is a rule that more than one and a half times the prescribed fees should not be levied. In view of the illiteracy prevailing among the fisherfolk, may I know whether the Department can expect any complaint if the lessees levy more?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, unless a complaint is made, it is not possible for the Department to take action. The superior officers are doing their work of inspection and if such cases of excess levy are brought to their notice, they will enquire into the matter.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether a correct account of the fishing implements is not necessary if complaints are to be lodged?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Sir, the position is this. We do not insist on knowing how many licences they are giving or what fees they are charging. They may charge no fees at all or they may charge fees up to one and a half times the prescribed fees.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the honourable member does not think it desirable to have such a statement?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: It will be very difficult to arrange for such a statement being prepared, Sir.

Export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products.

386. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state the amounts collected as export duty on cocoanuts and cocoanut products from 1112-1115(both years inclusive)?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Punishments in the Police Department.

387. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names, with rank, of officers in the Police Department, who have been fined, suspended, degraded or reverted in the years 1115 and 1116 with reasons?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): The †statement is laid on the table.

MR. KOTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Appendix IV shows that one officer was punished for failure to keep lock-up clean while at Parur. May I know the nature of the failure?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: It was reported that some reptiles looking like snakes were found in the lock-up. So, we punished the Inspector.

*Vide Appendix III Page 921.
†Vide Appendix IV. Page 922.

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